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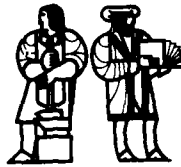
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Captain Helen R. Tyson
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Dear Captain Tyson:

Enclosed please find our final technical report on research done under Grant No AFOSR-89-0119. The last work supported by this grant (listed below as number 7) was in fact completed last week; thus the late date of the present report.

Our research field is best described by the title of our Proposal to AFOSR: "Innovative Uses of Parallel Computers." It aims to use advanced computers in innovative ways that bypass both the numerical analysis and instabilities of floating point arithmetic. This is achieved with models which are already fully discrete, and thus lend themselves to efficient and exact simulation on digital hardware. The thrust of our effort focussed the design and implementation of models of this type for fluid dynamics (publications 1,2, and 3). We also investigated general issues of discrete modelling from the viewpoint of statistical mechanics (publication 4), programming (publication 5), and mathematical analysis (publications 6 and 7).

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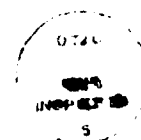
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Publication 4 exhibits a new dynamical exponent in a family a cellular automata models of growth. This exponent is universal in that it can pertain to a wide class of phenomena (noise-driven metastability to instability transition). Publications 5 shows the optimized techniques for programming cellular automata under scalar, vector, and massively parallel computer architectures.

Publications 6 and 7 are of a more mathematical nature. The former studies lattice models with methods from the theory of dynamical systems, while the latter investigates the notion of Boolean derivative as a tool for bridging the discrete and continuum modelings.

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1. "Lattice-Gas Computations," First Annual Meeting of the Computational Physics Section of the American Physical Society, Boston, June 1989.
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In the most sincere appreciation,


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